



United States Military Liaison Office Belize

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First Belizeans To Attend U.S. Naval Academy

The United States Naval Academy has issued a press release announcing that Midshipmen 4th Class Javier Bosch and Andrea Bosch, son and daughter of Javier and Saadia Bosch of Belize City, have recently completed six weeks of Plebe Summer at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

This demanding, fast-paced orientation begins four years of preparation for commissioning as Navy or Marine Corps officers. During Plebe Summer, the new midshipmen rapidly assimilate basic skills in seamanship, navigation, infantry drill, shooting pistols and rifles and sailing. A rigorous physical conditioning program includes calisthenics, running, pull-ups, sit-ups and swimming. Plebes also receive instruction and indoctrination of the Brigade of Midshipmen's honor concept. At the conclusion of Plebe Summer, plebes are ready to join the rest of the 4,000-member brigade.

Javier and Andrea Bosch received full scholarships from the U.S. Naval Academy through the Belize Defence Force after receiving their high school diplomas. Javier Bosch graduated from St. John's College and Andrea Bosch from St. Catherine Academy in 2002. Since successfully completing this course, both will now begin formal four-year training at the Naval Academy. For more information about the Naval Academy, please visit their website at www.usna.edu

The United States Military Liaison Office would also like to inform the general public that U.S. military academies will be accepting applications for scholarships from Belizeans through the Belize Defence Force. If interested, persons are asked to contact MAJ Francis Lizama of the Belize Defense Force at 225-2174 directly.

